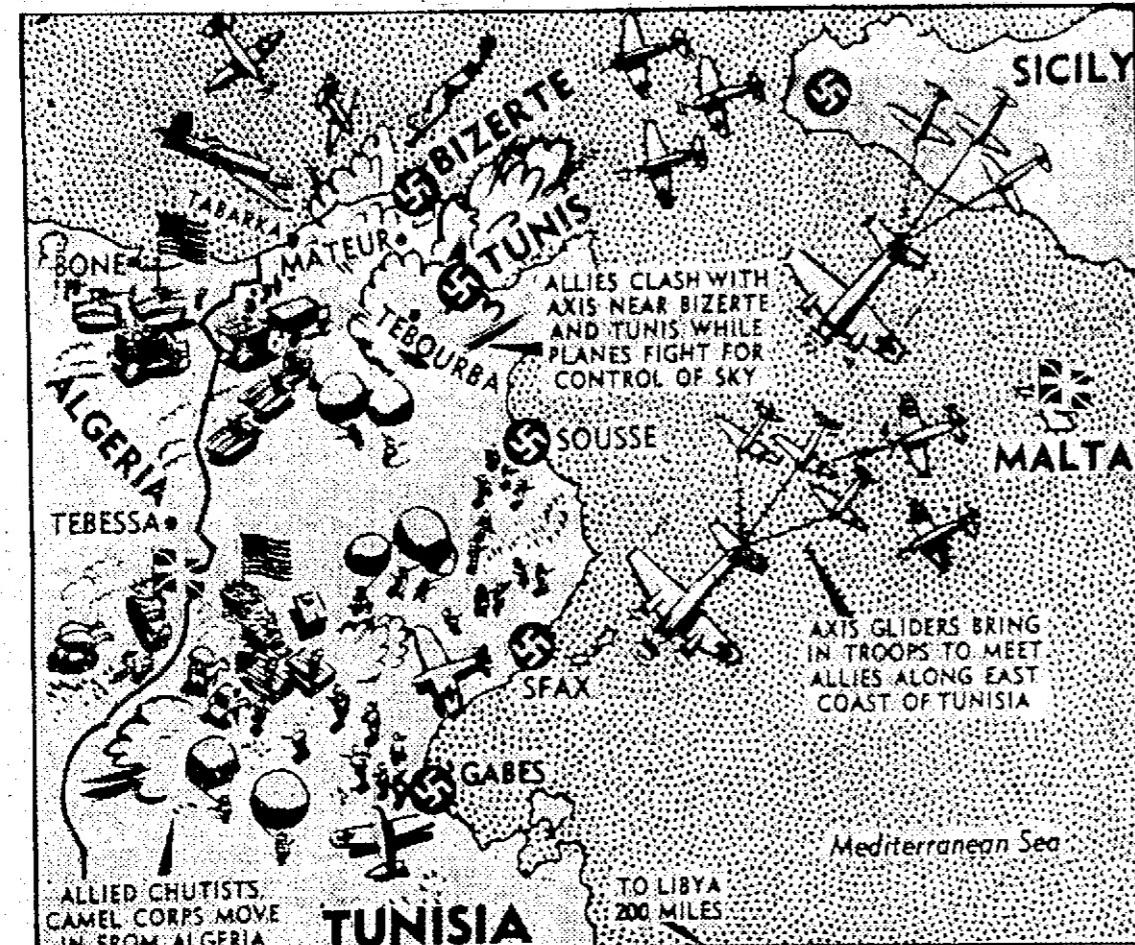


Rommel Seems to Have Lost His Touch of Magic



Armies From the Sky



By DEWITT MACKENZIE E
Cairo, Dec. 14 — (Delayed) — Marshal Rommel's withdrawal from El Aghella is not a matter of vast surprise since it was a foregone conclusion that a terrific weight of air power could be thrown against him.

The battle is still too young to give much clue as to what stand the Nazi Marshal may make in new positions. As for the British and Allied forces, I returned only a few days ago from the desert front, where I found the highest possible confidence among all ranks.

The troops were eager to fight and when you have an army with morale like that you can perform wonders with it.

On the other hand, the Nazi marshal seems to have lost the fineness of touch which, prior to his recent debacle at El Alamein, had rescued him from uncomfortable spots and brought him victories.

Marshal Rommel's famous Afrika Corps and its Italian units had for some days been displaying extreme nervousness behind their defenses at El Aghella. Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's bombardment and persistent prodding of the Axis line for weak spots were grim warnings that he was set for action and would strike like lightning the moment he discovered the opening he sought. Axis fears were registered clearly in wild bursts of artillery fire and continual use of flares to light the desert by night.

The Boche had ample reasons for their fears. Indications are that the Nazi marshal is weak in all parts of his fighting machine.

The fact is that Hitler assigned Rommel to do a holding operation which may be suicidal. Somewhere in Tripolitania the marshal is supposed to make a stand in an effort to halt the eager British Eighth Army and the British and American air units. His task is to hold until his master can re-align Nazi forces for the defense of Europe.

Nazism hopes, meantime, it will be possible to pierce the Allied aerial and sea blockade and provide reinforcements for the hard-pressed Axis in both Tripolitania and Tunisia.

One of Rommel's greatest weaknesses is in the air. As at El Alamein, so now at El Aghella the British and American air fleets hold heavy superiority. His defenders at El Aghella and more important, his communications have been blasted day after day by bombing which he couldn't stand off. Hitler hasn't been able to spare warplanes because of the tremendous pressure being put on him in western, southern and eastern Europe by Allied air units. His greatest strain is of course on the Russian front, where the amazing Red Army has intensified its offensive and is hurling great air units into the conflict. Thus we have a grand example of what coordination among various theaters can achieve.

One of the most striking features of the Eighth Army drive has been the manner in which supplies of all categories, including even drinking water, have been rushed to the scene of action over hundreds of miles of desert. Many of the so-called roads literally have been little more than wheel tracks in fluid sand.

Congress to Convene Jan. 6 Rayburn Says

Washington, Dec. 14 — (P) — Speaker Rayburn said today congressional leaders had agreed to convene the 78th congress Jan. 6 and that President Roosevelt would deliver his message in person to a joint session of the Senate and House Jan. 7.

The president was told, Rayburn said, that historic 77th congress would adjourn Wednesday of this week, "or certainly not later than Thursday."

The White House conference was attended by Rayburn, Vice President Wallace, Senate Majority Whip Hall (D-Ala), and Rep. McCormack (D-Mass), the House majority leader.

While plans for adjournment of the 77th congress and convening of the 78th appeared to be definite, they must be embraced in a House-Senate resolution to make them final.

Rayburn gave no indication of points the president might discuss in his message. He explained that the president would appear Jan. 7 because the sixth would be given over to organization matters in the House and Senate.

Rayburn was conceded to be certain of re-election as speaker, and the choice of Senator Barkley (D-Ky) to serve another term as Senate Democratic leader appeared to be a foregone conclusion.

President Roosevelt was reported standing pat in his opposition to any change in farm parity price formulas.

Bankers to Hold War Bond Meeting

Stuart Wilson, president of the State National Bank of Texarkana, Ark., will meet bankers from Hope, Prescott and Blevins at a conference in Hope city hall at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon to discuss support of the government's 9-billion-dollar Victory Loan campaign, now reported past the 6-billion-dollar mark.

The campaign is directed in this

Free Picture for Children December 22

Tickets will be mailed out today to eight thousand school children in the Hope trade territory for the Annual Free Christmas Picture Show, given by the Saenger and Rialto Theatres and the merchants of Hope, on Tuesday, December 22nd.

This is the fourth free Christmas picture show given to the school boys and girls of this vicinity.

The feature picture this year will be "The Man from Montana" with Johnnie Mack Brown, and there will be two shorts in addition to the feature. The same program will be given at the Saenger and Rialto Theatres. The first show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the second show at 10:30 a.m. Tickets will be good at either theater.

The children living in Hope are asked to attend the first show, if possible, and leave room for those who come in from other schools to be comfortably seated at the second show.

The owners of the Saenger and Rialto Theatres furnish the show entirely free, the operators donate their services in putting on the show, and the Chamber of Commerce has the tickets printed and distributed and meets all other expenses of this entertainment, which has brought Christmas happiness to thousands of school children and has proven one of the finest means of creating good will for the businessmen of Hope.

stantial gains.

Continued strength in the cash market, where wheat prices are the highest since 1937, had a favorable influence on futures trading. Despite the comparatively high level of cash wheat, which is above the government loan price, there has been no material pick-up in shipments from the country.

With the prospect that the basis for computing parity may be revised when the new congress convenes in January, traders said farmers were in no hurry to market wheat they apparently anticipated higher prices.

Wheat closed 2.2 higher, December \$1.34 1-4, May \$1.35-\$1.38 corn advanced 1.2-7.8, December 87.78, oats were ahead 1.8-3.8, rye gained 1 1/4-1 3/8 and soybeans were inactive.

Cash wheat No. 2 hard 1.39.

Corn new No. 3 yellow 87.34-

No. 3 white 1.09 1-2; old No. 2 yellow 90.34-91.34.

Oats No. 3 mixed 53 1-2; No. 2 white 54 1-4.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 15 — (P) — Cotton prices charted an irregular course today with easiness in December contracts overturning early attempts toward a further rally.

Late afternoon values were 15 to 40 cents a bale lower, Dec. 19.08, ch. 18.55 and May 18.73.

Futures closed 20 to 45 cents a bale lower.

Dec.—opened, 19.12; closed, 18.12

Jan.—closed, 18.88n

Feb.—opened, 18.74; closed, 18.69

Jly—opened 18.64; closed, 18.52-53

Oct.—opened, 18.60; closed, 18.49

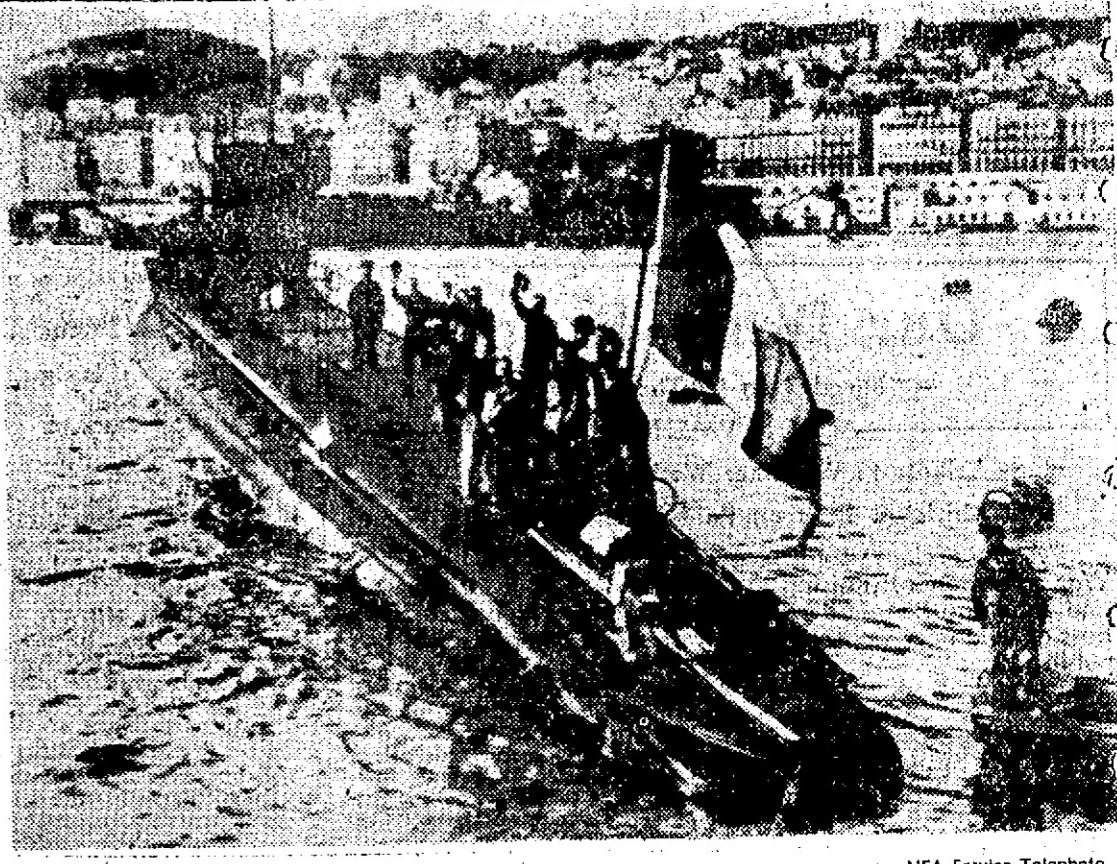
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GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Dec. 15 — (P) — An unspectacular but persistent advance, featured by a scarcity of offerings, lifted wheat prices about 2 cents today. All contracts established new highs for the season. Other grains reflected the action of the bread cereal and closed on sub-

Happy Landing for French Naval Craft



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Lee Nominated by FDR to Aeronautics Board

Washington, Dec. 15 — (P) — President Roosevelt today nominated Senator Josie Lee (D-Oklahoma), who was defeated for re-election last month, for membership on the Civil Aeronautics board.

Lee would succeed George Baker, who resigned and is expected to undertake a mission abroad.

Ed H. M. Moore, a Republican, scored a surprise victory over Lee, who had served only one term in the Senate after a term in the House of Representatives.

Now 50 years old, and a veteran of the last war, Lee was known as the "boy orator" at one time. In 1919 he headed the public speaking department of the University of Oklahoma.

Mr. Roosevelt also nominated Oswald Ryan of Indiana for re-appointment to the aeronautics board.

OPA Studies Milk Problem of Southwest

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 15 — (P) — Findings of an Office of Price Administration survey of the milk price situation in the Southwest will be made public "as soon as the results of the investigation are correlated and an Administrative Order is issued," the region OPA office said today in a statement.

The statement reported a shortage of milk in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri "in the sense that there is not enough milk available to meet the total demand."

There is no reason to believe that either the Military or Civilian user will not be able to obtain milk needed for essential uses, the statement added.

possibly four.

A message received from the commanding general of the Newfoundland base, released by the EDC, said:

"Numerous telegrams received concerning hostel fire indicate needless anxiety for U.S. personnel. There are three known dead, possibly four."

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Basil Nelson Heads Burial Association

Little Rock, Dec. 15 — (P) — Basil Nelson, Fayetteville, was moved up from vice-president to president of the Arkansas Burial Association yesterday.

W. H. Irby, rector, secretary-treasurer, said the association contemplated sponsoring no legislation in the 1943 general assembly unless bills it disliked were introduced.

Residents of Fairmont, Minn., figured their participation was 200 percent perfect because their blackout lasted twice as long as scheduled. Local officials couldn't get through to state control for "all clear" so Fairmont had a 41 minute instead of a scheduled 10-minute test.

At Dodge City, Kas., local wardens were happy to find one careless resident. A glow from his radio set could be seen through a window. A blackout baby was born at Scottsbluff, Neb., four minutes after the air raid signal sounded.

Successful

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stepped into the street to halt an automobile driven by Officer William Danner.

The blackout had its light side too.

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Cotton Ginnings for County Show Big Gain

Census report shows that 13,285 bales of cotton were ginned in Hempstead County from the crop of 1942 prior to Dec. 1 as compared with 8,135 bales for the crop of 1941. area by the St. Louis Federal Reserve bank, which up to December 10 had reported sales of \$4 million dollars for the St. Louis district. Subscriptions for the Victory Loan are sought from non-bank investors.

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Social Calendar

Monday, December 14th
The Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, the church, 3 o'clock.

The W. M. U. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church for a Mission Study, 2:30 o'clock.

The Young Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist church will meet in the home of Mrs. S. Bates Monday evening, 7:30. Transportation will be provided from the church for those who do not have cars.

The Little Moon Christmas program will be held at the home of Mrs. Hugh Jones, 7:30 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the church.

Tuesday, December 15th
The American Legion Auxiliary, the Legion hall, 2:30. Each member is asked to bring a Christmas gift for exchange.

The Food and Nutrition classes including the first 3 groups and the last class will meet Tuesday evening, 7:30, in the basement of the First Methodist church for a Christmas cookery demonstration. Demonstrations will be given by all food and nutrition instructors. Miss Mary Claude Fletcher urges all interested to attend as credits for certificates will be given.

The Gleaners, Althean, and Berean classes of the First Baptist church will have their annual Christmas party at the church, 7:30 o'clock. All members are invited to come.

Wednesday, December 16th
Mrs. Hollis Luck and Mrs. O. A. Grues will be hostesses to the Jett B. Graves Sunday school class of the First Methodist church at the home of the former, 7:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all members.

Thursday, December 17th
Lilac Garden club meeting, home of Mrs. J. A. Henry with Mrs. S. G. Norton, co-hostess, 8 o'clock. Members are asked to bring gifts for exchange at this Christmas meeting.

The public is invited to attend a Christmas service "The Nativity" arranged by Rosamond Kimball at the High School auditorium Thursday at 1:10 p.m. The Library club,

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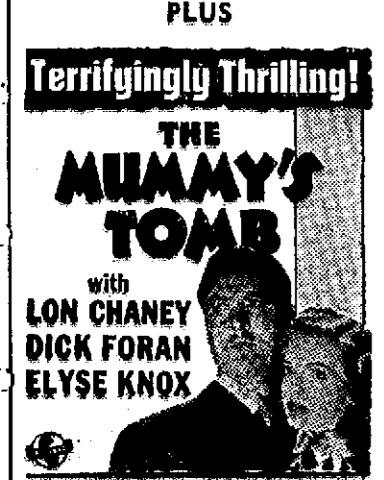
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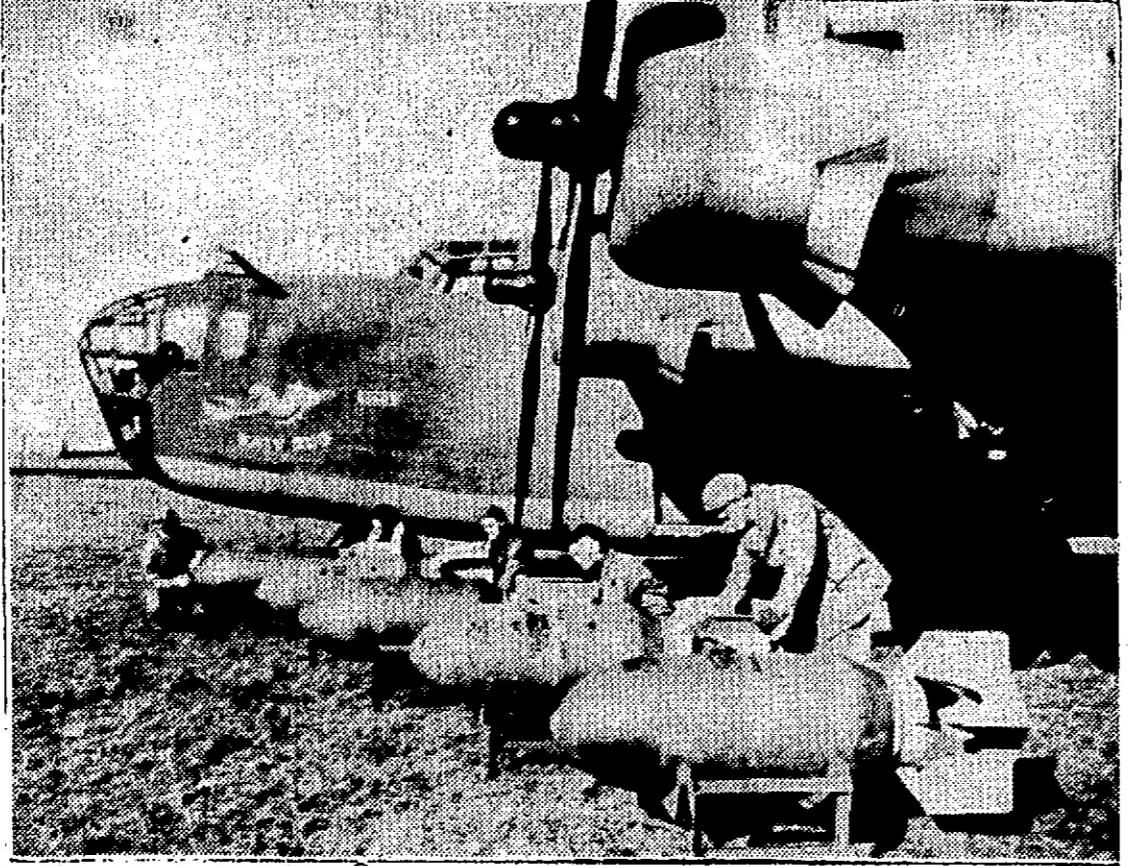


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Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — Whether it's punch-drunk with the times or merely playing the old game of follow-the-leader, our town is knocking it self out on these allstar pictures.

Most of the lots have at least one "colossal" on the cookstove, dramatic or musical, getting ready to dish up celluloid so jam-packed with stars that somewhere in the melange every fan can find his favorite.

"Tales of Manhattan" started it this time, but the "all-star" business is nothing new. Twenty-two years ago C. B. DeMille served a star-studded dish called "The Affairs of Anatole." Many of the

names he featured are gone now, or mean little, but for 1920 they were cream of the cream: Wallace Reid, Elliott Dexter, Gloria Swanson, Wanda Hawley, Theodore Roberts, Theodore Kosloff, Ray Milland, Hatton, Agnes Ayres, Mnore Blue, Bebe Daniels.

Show people at the time raised a question about this made generosity. Wouldn't the fans, thus spoiled, expect every picture to be equally lavish in casting? Wouldn't they be bored when they saw a movie with merely one star, or two?

Well, the question was answered by Hollywood's continued prosperity through the 'twenties, but it was revived in 1932 when Metro shot the stellar works on "Dinner at Eight" and "Grand Hotel." The fans somehow kept on going to movies, even when they weren't overcrowded with stars.

It ever the question were pertinent, it is today. There've been isolated instances of pictures with many stars ("If I Had a Million," "Alice in Wonderland," etc.) but except for one year when enthusiasm for musicals created "Fox Movietone Folies," "Hollywood Revue," "The Show of Shows" and

mittee and minutemen. Shover Springs Monday, December 14th at 10:00 a.m. at community house includes the following neighborhoods: Centerville, Oak Grove, Rocky Mount, Green Laster and Harmony.

Thursday, December 17 at Sweet Home Church at 10:00 a.m. with the following neighborhoods: Union, Marlboro, Possum Hollow, Yancy and Sweet Home. At Friendship Church at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 21st, including McCaskill, Avery's Chapel, Belton, Bruce Chapel, and Friendship.

December 22nd, at Washington School at 10:00 a.m.—Washington.

December 22nd, at 2:00 p.m. St. Paul Church including Ozan, St. Paul, Cardis and Antioch.

Mrs. Oliver Adams, circle chairman, presided at the business session. The devotional was given by Mrs. Malcolm Porterfield.

A delightful Christmas story based on legends was told by Mrs. Paul Cather.

During the social hour the hostess served a delicious dessert course.

Coming and Going

Mrs. William Stafford of Kalamazoo, Mich. is spending the week with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. A. E. Slusser, Mrs. J. A. Henry, and Mrs. Edgar Brian motored to Texarkana yesterday.

Miss Carolyn Trimble will come home Wednesday for the holidays from Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo., where she is a freshman.

Pvt. Douglas Odell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Odell, is home this week on a furlough from Camp Adair, Oregon.

Clubs

Home Demonstration Clubs have been cooperating with the Christmas Spirit in having holiday meetings. The following clubs have had cooking schools as a follow-up on cheese demonstrations. The St. Paul home demonstration club and Hopewell home demonstration club, Monday December 14th a cooking school will be held at the home of Mrs. Ed Black in Hinton neighborhood. Patmos and Sardis clubs are invited.

Tuesday, December 15th cooking school for Columbus home demonstration club at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Fred DeLaney.

Wednesday, December 16th Friendship home demonstration club at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Dayna Davis — McCaskill, Bruce Chapel groups are invited.

Friday December 18th Sweet Home home demonstration club will have an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. H. H. Huskey—Marlboro, Union Grove and Midway groups are invited.

Other home demonstration clubs are having Christmas Programs and all day get-togethers to carry out the Christmas Spirit and continue the war effort program.

Share-the-Meat Campaign will be one of the features of discussion that each person will stay within their bounds of 2½ pounds of meat per person per week. There will be good substitutes that will be used in place of meat.

Share-the-meat program include beef, pork and lamb. It does not include the famous Christmas Turkey, chicken, duck, birds and goose.

Another group of important meetings will be held during December that include the war effort program for farm families. These meetings are the neighborhood group meetings of neighborhood planning com-

THE EDGE OF DARKNESS

By WILLIAM WOODS

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ESCAPE

CHAPTER XXVI

LONG before it was time, men were at their posts. They huddled in their coats and waited, rifles ready. A wind had sprung up during the night and driven a pack of low clouds in from the sea.

Sverre and Osterholm crouched in the brush behind the hotel and heard the guard march past them on his last round. Then from the far side of the building came his muffled call, "Who goes?"

And the answer, "Relief for the guard."

They flashed their light once, twice, and then the reply came from the back doorway. Bent low, they scurried across the open space and into the hall.

Gerd was beside them, breathing heavily. They heard her close the door. "All clear?" Sverre whispered.

"No," came the answer in a low, panicky voice. "I tried to get out to warn you, but we're too closely guarded."

"Why?" the farmer clutched at her arm.

"The 30 men you've stationed back of the hotel . . . they won't get out. The captain smelled a rat. He wirelessly. Two hundred soldiers came in last night over the south bridge."

"Where's Gunnar?"

"Down below . . . here. Knut, what do we do?"

"Just what we've planned. Take us to the cellar."

"This way," Gerd whispered.

They tiptoed after her down the hall, and watched while with infinite patience and slowness she took hold of a knob, turned it, and pulled open the door. Down at the foot of a flight of stairs one dim light was showing. A guard stood silent, leaning on his rifle, half turned away from them.

They were on top of him before he knew what had happened, Sverre with a leap down onto his shoulders, the farmer hobbling after and wrenching his gun away. They bound and gagged him, then raced over and turned the key in the wine cellar door.

It had all been done so quietly not even the prisoners heard a sound.

"Gunnar, Kaare, Nils. Quick."

Gunnar walked out and Kaare hobbled after him. They held their arms up against the light, and helped Nils Brategaard between them, for he was too weak to stand. Their faces were black with dirt and a six-day beard. The shoemaker's jaw and the side of his head were still grimy with crusted blood.

"We go out the back," said Osterholm. "Here I'll help you." He

stooped and lifted the sick man onto his shoulder, and then without a word more made for the stairs.

"Have you guns for us?" asked Gunnar.

"Yes. It'll break in a few minutes."

"Hurry," Gerd whispered down at them.

Osterholm nodded, and still carrying the sick man, dashed out and across to the trees. He made it barely in time. When the path was clear again the shoemaker followed, hobbling across the snow, and after him Gunnar.

One of the soldiers must have heard the men moving in the brush, for he called, "Who's there?" and when no answer came fired into the darkness.

Gerd had one moment more to make up her mind, but then she saw the soldier coming toward the door, blocking her way out. She ran back along the hall to her room. Men were already tumbling down the stairs from the upper landing.

Among the trees, Osterholm gathered them around him. "I'll take Brategaard down that way," he said breathlessly, and pointed toward the left. "You, Gunnar, Kaare, down to the right, and get into town from the road. Sverre, get back to the men on the heights. If they try to come in toward the hotel, they'll be trapped between the garrison and the 200. Tell them to break and get through to Kjerlof on the north road."

The boy nodded and was gone. They heard troops running about in the inn. A light in the hallway was turned on. "Meet you at Malen's store," Gunnar called, and then he and the shoemaker slid off into the dark.

Osterholm lifted the sick man again. "I can make it, Knut," Brategaard kept saying. "I can make it. Let me down." The farmer paid no attention.

* * *

JUST as he was starting, it came, what he had been waiting for, and the cold ran down his back. Loud and clear in the night air, like some monstrous clock beating the hour, the church bell began tolling, sounding the alarm all the miles from the fjord to the north road. He smiled to himself, grimly, eye the pastor, sweating and pulling at the rope with all his strength. Hardly a minute passed, and then from the south came a low, muffled roar, like a drum roll.

"There goes the bridge," he thought. "Trygve knows his work." Solveig and Frida Malken, while the rifles were still being handed out, went up to the kitchen and brought down hot bowls of soup to be distributed.

"Men fight better on warm stomachs," was Solveig's only comment.

There was no time for talk. All around, the men and women were working, at the food, cleaning the rifles, filling belts for the machine guns, the doctor laying out bottles, bandages and syringes for the wounded.

"From the square came the sharp

Arkansas' Role in War Starts With First Victory at Home

Editors Note: This is the first of a series of three articles on Arkansas' first year in the global war. It is based on a day-by-day compilation of news developments of the state's contribution to the war effort.

Editor SMA G. HARRIS
Little Rock, Dec. 15 —(AP)— Arkansas won its battle of the Home Front in the war's first year but not without considerable backing and filling before its two million inhabitants got more than "ankle deep in this struggle."

Like any Democratic commonwealth, Arkansas experienced some disturbing moments before it had shifted gears to a wartime tempo. But by July 15, the state had 13 war plants, nine air bases and two Army posts operating or under construction. Two Japanese relocation centers had been authorized and an enemy alien concentration camp was under construction. Another enemy alien camp was under construction by

The chronology of the war on the home front is filled largely with items of what the "little man" was contributing — or not contributing.

Automobile speed limits were twice reduced. Man hours given gratis by war plant workers mounted into seven digit totals. A "black market" in automobile tires was charged before the year ended; food and gasoline hoarding was reported unofficially; the government commandeered an automobile graveyard when its junk production was stopped for the duration. Construction was stopped on two flood control projects in the White and Pettie rivers. Draft evasion was so rare through the year that individual cases remained newsworthy.

One solemn highlight of the first war year was the Easter prayer service for General Douglas MacArthur at Christ church here where he was baptised.

The year closed with a mounting number of Gold Stars shining from windows of the homes of the little men and women, with Arkansans doing without, and gladly, things that they were accustomed to. The first year of the war in Arkansas had proved to Mr. and Mrs. Arkansas that they could take it and were capable of dishing it out.

Tomorrow: Casualties.

No Sunburn Trap For Submarine C

The crew of an American submarine on patrol in enemy sometimes does not see for a month or longer, so the caution the command observe. The sub stays during daylight, comes night. Crew members as much as 20 pounds on

take in stride was the element of the Japanese re-centers at Jerome and B. Governor Adkins exacted promises from government of regarding their operation. The sentiment was voiced to Washington about 117 the salaries being offered resident teachers at the colonies and color residents were getting foodstuff not available to Arkansans. The governor refused to grant permission for employment of the colonists outside the reservations.

Things that meant much to Arkansans were dropped during a year without a murmur of complaint. Conventions were abandoned right and left. The historic Polk County Possum Club gave up its meetings for the duration. Construction was stopped on two flood control projects in the White and Pettie rivers. Draft evasion was so rare through the year that individual cases remained newsworthy.

Out of the hundreds of thousands of words on the war in Arkansas, there emerges small items indicative of the general sentiment. Two all-Arkansas ordnance companies for the Army were organized, manned and officered by the automobile industry. A Miller County school district made news by applying for, and receiving, the smallest amount of war public project funds in the southwest — \$500.

The man on the street clamored for a chance to fight back in those first agonizing days after Pearl Harbor. Typical outlets of war enthusiasm were the impromptu Penny-a-plane clubs here and the Slap-a-Jap clubs organized at Jonesboro; the offer of a Hot Springs labor union of a \$50 reward for the first bomber pilot to fly over Tokyo.

The pinch of war, emotionally and physically, began to make itself felt in Arkansas before Decem-

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Washington

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Washington — It begins to look
as if we may at last get the low-
down on Puerto Rico.

There have been violent rumblings
that all is not well with our
island outpost in the Caribbean.
The political situation there has
been and still is a muddle and a mess,
with more verbal violence
than has taken place in any of our
states or cities for a good many
years. Dr. Rexford Guy Tugwell,
governor of the island, has been
called "Rex, the Red," the "red-
dish" Don Quixote of the New
Deal, and worse.

There have been reports and
charges that thousands of Puerto
Rican natives are starving; that
infant mortality is "beyond descrip-
tion"; that ships coming back
from the island have been weight-
ed with ballast when they could
have brought sugar; that the food
stocks sent them are things which
they can't eat.

When Tugwell appeared recently
before the Puerto Rican legislature,
27 senators and representatives
"took a walk" and left the
session in an uproar.

The situation has finally come to
a head and the Senate, on a motion
by Sen. Dennis Chavez (New
Mexico Democrat), is going to
look into conditions there. However,
the Senate ordered its committee
to confine itself to the food
shortage and unemployment only.

Washington observers are getting
a sneak out of this limitation on the committee's operations.
Handsome 50-year-old "Rex" Tugwell
has been under fire almost
from the moment he joined the
brain-trusters in the dark days of
the depression. There is no reason
to believe that the opposition senators
will lay off him now that he is in one of the worst insular
messes that World War II has
brought about.

Chavez is chairman of the sub-
committee. He has indicated that
he doesn't intend to spare the rod
in ferreting out the errors that
have brought Puerto Rico to grief.
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and Allen J. Ellender, of Louisiana.
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committee are Senators Homer T.
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J. Ellender, of Louisiana. Republican
members of the committee are
Senators Gerald P. Nye, of North
Dakota, and John A. Danaher, of
Connecticut.

Senators Nye and Danaher are
vigorous opponents of the New
Deal and it would be inconceivable
if either would pass an opportunity
to plaster one of its long-standing
stalwarts. Nye's reputation as an
investigator is well established, but
those who have watched Danaher
on the Senate floor predict he'll
give an all-out performance in
his effort to uncover mismanagement
and incompetence in our
handling of Puerto Rico.

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think this committee is going to
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London, Dec. 15—(P)—William
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his father's loan of \$1,600 into a
\$40,000,000 fortune through a chain
of woolen mills and then lost most
of it in the depression, died last night.

Accidental death in agriculture av-
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FEELLERS HELPIN'
US DRIVE OUR
CATTLE TO TH'
RAILROAD! NOW
HOW MUCH DO
WE OWE YOU?

WELL,
HOW
MUCH
IS
COWBOYS
WORTH?

GOOD GOSH!
I HOPE THEY
DON'T HIT HIM
FOR MINERS'
WAGES FOR
MINERS'
COWBOYING!

NO..HE'S SMART!
HE DIDN'T ASK HOW:
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WAS HERE WHEN:
WE GOT IN WITH
THEM!



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YOU SINCE TH' COPS SWOOPED

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LIKE COFFEE! I'D GIVE A
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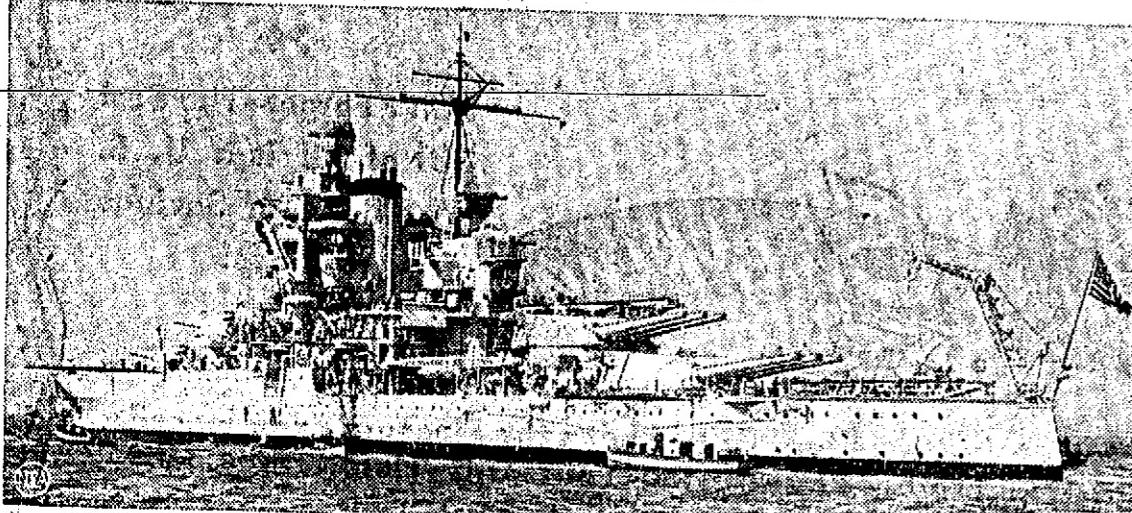
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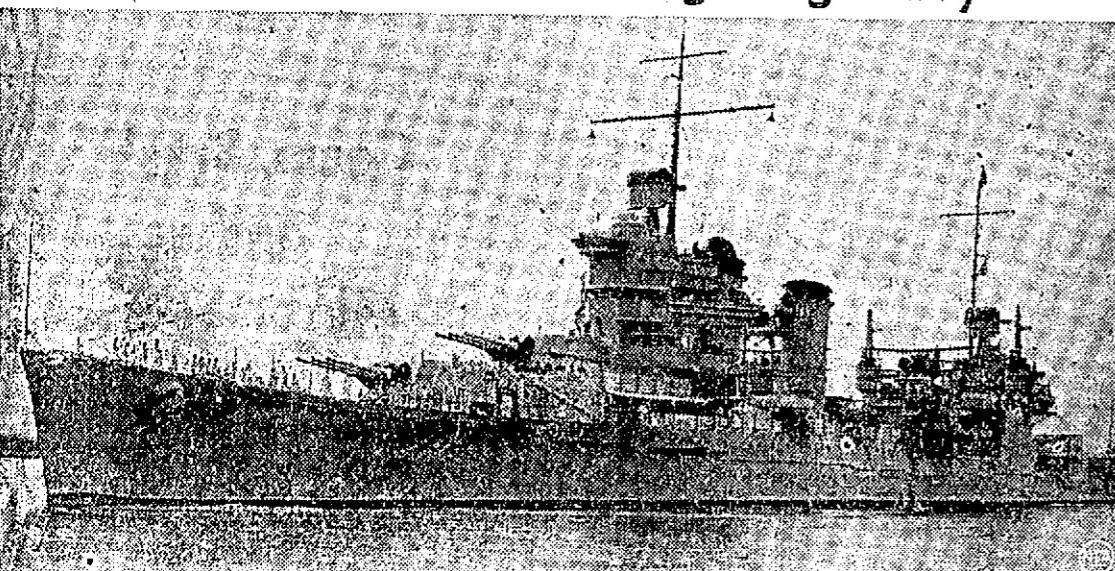
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The U. S. S. Idaho, 33,400-Ton Battleship.

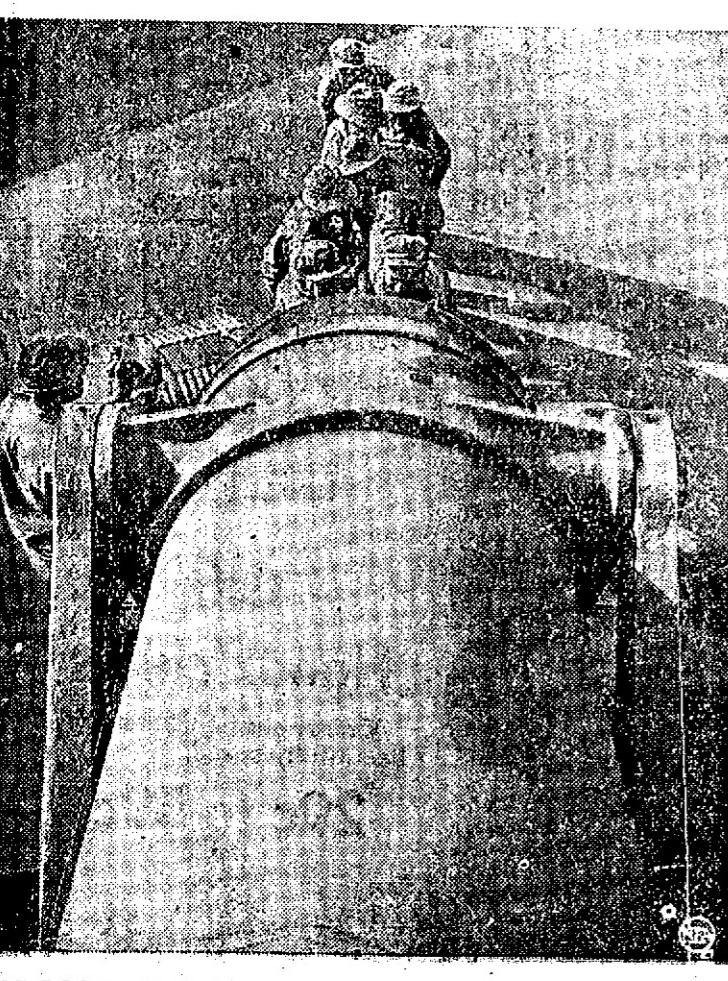
Big Guns still mean business on the 33,400-ton battleship Idaho despite her 25 years of age. Like her sister ships the Mississippi and New Mexico, the Idaho mounts 12 14-inch guns, along with 20 five-inch guns and numerous anti-aircraft weapons. The vessel was launched in 1917, just after U. S. entered World War I, but was not completed until 1919. The Idaho is 624 feet long, has a 14-inch armor belt amidships, makes 21½ knots, carries three airplanes and a complement of 1323. Italy claimed last October that an axis submarine sank the Idaho in the Atlantic off West Africa, but there has been no allied confirmation of this report.

This Will Simply Sleigh You

THIS WILL SLEIGH YOU. With the old oat-burner coming back into his own, Nick Nero of Cleveland solves the winter transportation problem by hitching Dobbins to the sled. Nick's modern version of the livery stable does a thriving business.

A Key Cog In America's Fighting Navy

The U. S. S. Tuscaloosa, 9975-ton cruiser, sister ship of Minneapolis, New Orleans, San Francisco and three cruisers lost in Solomons, Astoria, Quincy and Vincennes.

Keeps Our Coast Safe

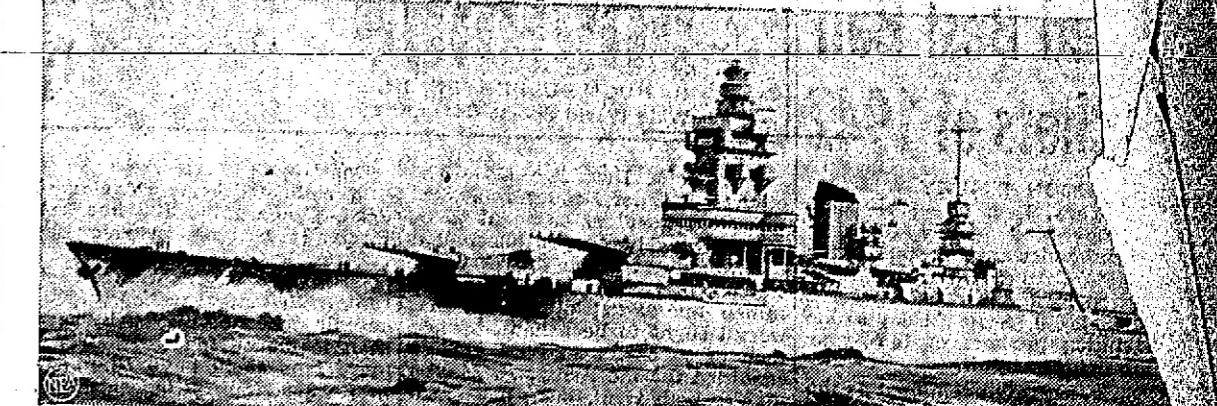
BIG BOOM. Skilled gun crew rams home the charge in a giant disappearing 12-inch gun at Fortress Monroe, Va. Such modern, long-range weapons help keep our coast safe. (Passed by censor.)



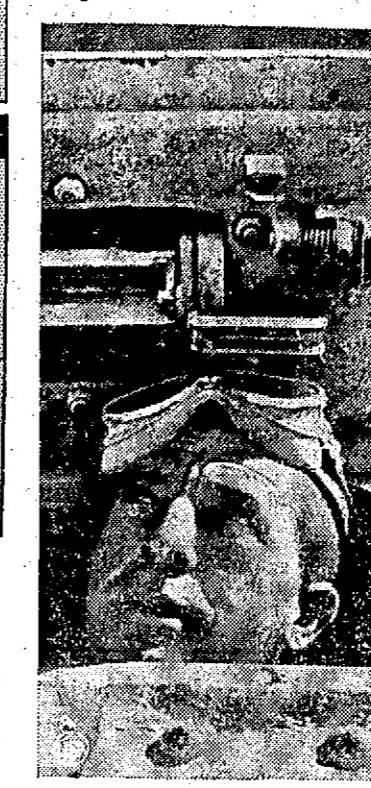
NEW GUINEA AND NEW BRITAIN are old names in the war news by now, with continuing clashes between allied and war forces keeping these islands in the headlines. Australian-American troops have driven the enemy to the beaches in the Buna-Gona area and our bombers are blasting Jap bases at Lae and Rabaul—supply points for action in southern New Guinea and the Solomons. New Guinea and New Britain are but two of many islands named by their European discoverers for a place back home with the prefix "New" added.

Something's Wrong Here

SOMETHING'S WRONG with this picture. Here you have Ulysses S. Grant V, great grandson of the famous general of the War Between the States, being toughened up at Fort Riley, Kans. Directing the toughening-up process is Sgt. John Keogh, whose two grandfathers took their orders from General Grant.

French Warship May Be Allied Prize

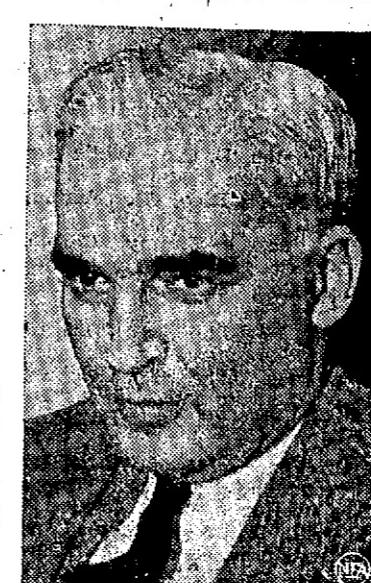
ALLIES' PRIZE? The big (35,000-ton) French battleship Richelieu reportedly is among the units of the French fleet now at Dakar. Negotiations are under way to have French war and merchant vessels in the African port placed at the disposal of the United Nations. The Richelieu was completed in 1940.

Up the Hatch

UP THE HATCH. Not a Nazi in sight, so a New Zealand soldier in the west African desert "unbuttons" the front of his American-built tank and pops up for a look-see.

Nursing the War Giants

NURSING THE GIANTS, which haul the nation's freight is the wartime job of many women. Mrs. Rose Penna, who's working on the railroad, spends her days polishing the mighty iron horses until they shine.

Your New Boss

YOUR NEW BOSS. To Paul McNutt has been given the tremendous task of allocating all U. S. manpower, both in industry and the armed forces.

He Lost—But Is Pleased

HE LOST. Mustached French commander of Moroccan shore battery, destroyed by naval fire when U. S. troops landed at Sidi, seems well pleased by outcome of fray. (Passed by censor.)

Trouble—Double Trouble

TWIN TROUBLE. Just put yourself in the place of the poor judges who found these three sets of identical twins among the Pasadena Rose Tournament queen contestants. What would you do? Well, so would we.

A Soldier's Sweethearts

SOLDIER'S SWEETHEARTS. But there will be no jealousy, for Lt. Owen Ward's sweethearts are Pamela Ann, his mouth-odd daughter, and Mrs. Ward, the former Brenda Joyce, of the films.

Okay OPA, Take the Gas

OKAY, OPA. Take it from Texas, this gas rationing isn't so bad. Loreah Babin, left, Juanita Little and Edith Gartman, Port Arthur College students, simply pool their savings and hire a horse.

Cooper, Beazley Rated Best Ball Pitchers of 1942

By JUDSON BAILEY

New York, Dec. 15.—(P)—Morton Cooper and Johnny Beazley, the righthanded mound stars of the St. Louis Cardinals, received confirmation from the official figures of the National League today as the outstanding pitchers of the year in the senior circuit.

Cooper, already acclaimed as the most valuable player in the league, topped all pitchers in earned run average with a sensational 1.77 while finishing second in winning percentage. Beazley, the frosty-tempered 21-year-old rookie who now is a corporal in the Army, was second in earned run average with 1.73 and first in winning percentage among pitchers participating in at least 10 complete games. Beazley's won-lost record was 21-6 and Cooper's 22-7.

A second classification in the averages, listing pitchers who appeared in a minimum of ten games, but not ten complete games, was topped by the Veteran Lefty Larry French of Brooklyn, who won 15 games and lost four while compiling a low earned run average of 1.82 per nine-inning game. In this same group Ace Adams of the New York Giants had an era of 1.84 and Max Macon of the Brooklyn Dodgers 1.93.

Cooper, 27-year-old Missouri farmer, compiled the most remarkable pitching record in a decade in the National League. His Era was the lowest since Southpaw Carl Hubbell was in his prime for the Giants and set his mark of 1.66 in 1933. Cooper pitched ten shutouts and this also was the most any hurler had accomplished since Hubbell administered the same number of white-washings in 1933.

In addition, Cooper scored the most victories, 22, and started the most games, 25.

Eleven pitchers appearing in at least ten complete games had less than three earned runs per nine-inning session. They were Cooper 1.77; Beazley 2.13; Curt Davis, Brooklyn, 2.36; John Vander Meer, Cincinnati 2.43; Bill Lohrman, New York 2.47; Cliff Melton, New York 2.63; Ray Starr, Cincinnati 2.66; Bucky Walters, Cincinnati 2.66; Claude Passeau, Chicago 2.69; Lon Warneke, St. Louis and Chicago 2.73; and Whitlow Wyatt, Brooklyn 2.74.

Rated on winning percentage, the eleven leading pitchers with at least ten complete games were Beazley 21-6; Cooper 22-7; Lohrman 14-5; Wyatt 19-7; Davis 15-6; Melton 11-5; Vander Meer 18-12; Kirby Higbe, Brooklyn 15-11; Hubbell 11-8; Passeau 19-14; and Starr 15-13.

Any doubt about St. Louis having the best pitching staff was dispelled by the club records which showed the Cardinal staff as a whole with an earned run average of 2.55 compared to 2.82 for the Cincinnati Reds' flingers in second place.

Adams of the Giants set a couple of records for relief hurling—pitching in 61 games and finishing 49—but the figures showed the real workhorse of the season was Jim Tobin of the Boston Braves, who pitched the most complete games, 23; most innings 288, faced most batters 1,224, allowed the most runs 145, the most earned runs 127, and lost the most games, 21. He also found time one day to hit three home runs in one game.

Two Philadelphia hurlers dominated the lack of control department, John Podgajny hitting the most batters, 11, and Reuben Frank (Rube) Melton handing out the most bases on balls, 114, and making the most wild pitches. French had the longest winning streak—ten games at the start of the season—and also one of the five one-hit games of the year. There weren't any no-hitters.

Passeau gave up the most hits, 244, and Vander Meer led in strikeouts for the second straight year with 186.

Chicago and Cincinnati, by using six pitchers apiece in the 18-inning first game of a doubleheader August 8, set a record for the number of pitchers used in a single game. The old mark was 11.

One of the interesting revelations of the figures was that Lohrman, Cliff Melton and Higbe tied for the best record of winning complete games. Counting only the contests that they started and finished, each won 11 and lost only one.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, Dec. 15.—(P)—The other day Chief Bender remarked that "old men" of 40 ought to be able to play big-league baseball if they could keep their nerves under control, and Navy Lieut. Jim McMillen, the ex-rasler, added that we all ought to be ashamed when men of 38 aren't in good enough condition for the Army. . . . Maybe they're both right, but since baseball obviously is easier than combat fighting, we'll merely add our two bits worth to the chief's idea. Baseball may become a game for 40-year-olds before very long and as a columnist approaching that age, we don't see why they couldn't make those 20-yard sprints between bases or even run twice as far after a fly without losing very many limbs. . . . Of course, they'd look pretty bad in comparison with youngsters a step or two faster, but wasn't Jack Quinn still pitching for Brooklyn when he was supposed to be anywhere from 50 to 150 years old? . . . And you'll probably be surprised at how many sprightly young ballplayers finally admit this year that they're over 38.

Scouting Reports

When Georgia's Frankie Sinkwich and Columbia's Parul Gornall got together at the recent Heisman Trophy Clambake, they recalled their first meeting when the Bulldogs played the Lions here last year. . . . Sinkwich had been told that if he got past the Columbia safety man he could score standing up, so he was quite surprised when Gornall overhauled him on a long run. . . . "I was told you weren't that fast," Sinkwich said as they got up. . . . Gornall looked at the harness. Frankie then was wearing to protect his busted jaw. "I was told you couldn't talk," he replied.

Ark-La Handled Two Setbacks in Hearing

Little Rock, Dec. 15.—(P)—Utilities selling electricity to the Lake Catherine aluminum plant were handed two setbacks yesterday in the first day of a Federal Power Commission investigation into rates charged the plant by the company power pool.

First, the pool's legal counsel was taken by surprise at the very start when the commission's lawyers failed to make a statement of the case and Examiner Frank A. Hampton directed the pool to present "all the facts" without preliminaries.

The utility attorneys immediately obtained a recess to reorganize their strategy.

Later after almost continual bickering over other details, the pool legal staff tried to introduce for comparison the rates charged the war plant by the REA-sponsored Ark-La Co-operative which supplies part of the plant's electricity. Hampton denied this request, declaring:

"Whether the rate charged in the Ark-La contract is just or not, really is not material. We might, perchance, get to that next in an investigation."

"If you cut me off now, you deny me a fair hearing," protested Pool Attorney Richard L. Arnold.

"I've heard that before," Hampton replied.

The hearing was called on the commission's initiative to look into rates the utility combine charges the defense plant corporation, operators of the aluminum plant.

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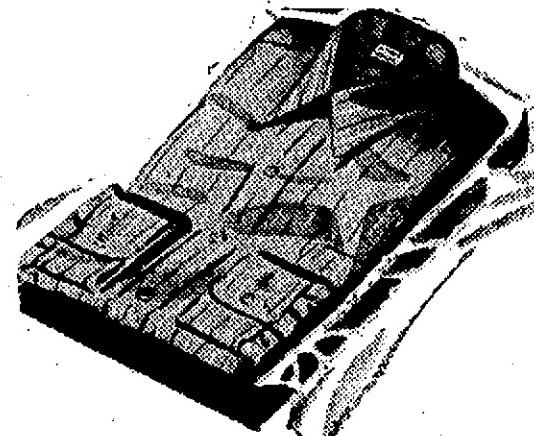
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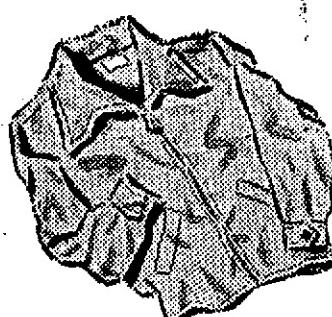
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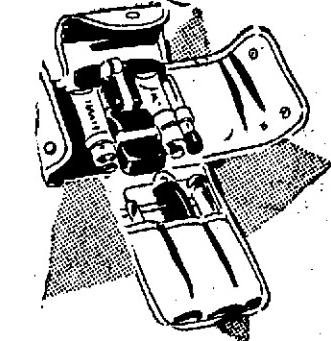
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